

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a<sup>1</sup> The application-oriented function part 411-511 provides some advanced functions for specific applications, such as sorting, image processing, basic operations of a database system (such as selection processing, projection processing, concatenation, and aggregation processing, and so on). The high-function NAS interface 510 may have, in addition to block I/O, interface for making use of advanced processing provided by the application-oriented function part 411. The system described in reference #4 and the one described in reference #5 may download functions of the application-oriented function part 411 from external devices. A

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a<sup>2</sup> The network 103 may be a LAN (local area network) used in an organization or in one working group thereof (here an organization may be an enterprise, a school, or a similar corporation). Also, the network 103 may be part of WAN (wide area network) or WAN itself, which may ~~interconnects~~ interconnect a plurality of geologically dispersed points. In addition, the network 103 may be an interconnection network between computers, or a network interconnecting

processors within parallel computers. The network 103 may be an I/O cable (such as SCSI cable) connecting a computer and an ANS 104. ¶

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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¶ When the function module 651 uses the function of the object access module .652, the function module 651 invokes a method in the object access module 652.

a<sup>3</sup> This method invocation will be at first sent by the module management part 650 to the protection module ~~654~~655 to determine whether the invocation will be allowed or denied (604), if invocation allowed, the method invocation request will be sent to the object access module 652 (607). ¶

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